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Subject: Follow up from Monday's Workshop on UM 1690 (Voluntary Renewable Energy Tariffs/HB 4126)

All:

Thank you for your participation in Workshop 2 of Phase 1 of the UM 1690 Docket (Implementation of HB 4126 – Voluntary Renewable Energy Tariffs (VRETs)). Staff appreciated the informative discussion about potentially interested VRET customers, discussion related to your preliminary comments on VRET Principles, and your initial feedback on the framework for a *VRET Models Table* that staff presented. I am writing to recap our next steps from the workshop.

- **Background:** As we discussed, we are currently working through phase 1 of the implementation of HB 4126.
 - Phase 1: This phase of the workshop is intended to be educational by conducting a study to consider the impact of allowing electric companies to offer voluntary renewable energy tariffs (VRETs). The scope of VRET Study is envisioned to be neutral, primarily conceptual and qualitative in nature, with some quantitative sections as needed, as a tool to understand a range of design options and potential impacts of a VRET in Oregon.
 - Later phases contemplated in HB 4126:
 - Phase 2: Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) assigned and may hold Pre-Hearing Conference (if needed). This phase provides an opportunity for parties to advocate for specific VRET designs and conditions. The result of this phase will likely be a Commission Order that either (1) does not allow this type of tariff or (2) Allows this type of tariff with specific conditions (or may direct a rulemaking, if the Commission finds it appropriate).
 - Phase 3: If allowed in Phase 2, companies may file schedules with the Commission. Staff anticipates use of PUC's regular processes to consider any schedules.

- **Staff Workshop 2 PowerPoint Presentation:** The power point used during the workshop has been posted to the UM 1690 eDocket for your reference:
<http://apps.puc.state.or.us/edockets/docket.asp?DocketID=18956>
- **Revised Process and Target Dates** – Based on feedback from the first two workshops, Staff has revised the proposed process for Phase 1 and associated target dates as follows:
 - July 3, 2014 – Staff will email a partially populated draft *VRET Models Table* and instructions for Comments.
 - July 25, 2014 – Comments due by close of business.
 - August 12, 2014, in the afternoon – Workshop 3 to discuss comments on draft *VRET Models Table*. Detailed agenda with specific timing of workshop to be circulated in advance.
 - (target) Late August/Early September – Comment on *VRET Models Table* and revised draft *Issues List*.
 - (target) Late September – Workshop 4, potentially with Commissioners, for feedback on draft *VRET Models Table* and *Issues List*.
 - (target) Early October –
 - Staff refines *Issues List* and *VRET Models Table* and sends for Public Comment to answer the questions contained within the *Issues List*.
 - Public Comment – Answering questions in issues list
 - Public Comment – Reply comments on answers to questions in issues list
 - (target) Early November – Staff memo on Study
 - (target) Late November/Early December – written public comment and HB 4126/VRET agenda item for Regular Public meeting. Close Phase 1.
- **Immediate Next Steps**
 - **Staff will send an email with a partially populated, draft *VRET Models Table* and instructions for Comments by Thursday, July 3rd and Comments will be due back to the PUC by Friday, July 25, 2014.**

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks—Ruchi

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